

Regular Council Meeting
May 8, 2007

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of May 8, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, and Earl King. Council members Ray Jackson and Charlie Simmons were absent. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting on March 22, 2007, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Henninger presented the following planning items:

Presented Mr. Jack Rhodes to speak on behalf of the Hammock Bay Pod 23/Villas at Hammock Bay. Mr. Rhodes requested detail plan approval of Pod 23, a 44 lot subdivision north of the City's current sewer plant. Mr. Rhodes pointed out that the paved roadway as shown on the plans would give the sewer plant a paved access. Mr. Rhodes requested a document from the City to Walton County expressing no need for ingress/egress off of the current Earl Godwin Road. Councilwoman Arrant motioned authorization for Mr. Adkinson to advise Walton County that the City has no use of the right of way on Earl Godwin Road, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Councilman King motioned to approve the detail plans for Hammock Bay Pod 23 as approved by the Planning Board in April, Councilman Helton seconded. Mr. Rhodes noted that the contract for Cox Communications cable to the sewer plant for the SCADA system would be either reimbursed by the developer or re-run underground. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Councilman King motioned approval of the plat of Hammock Bay Pod 23, subject to final City legal and surveyor's approval, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Henninger presented a complaint from Okaloosa Gas District regarding the landscaping requirement within the Economic Development Council's Industrial Park. Ms. Henninger noted that Okaloosa Gas has not submitted any variance request through her office. After discussion between council and legal counsel, the council agreed to take no action on the issue until the developer has submitted a request to revise the existing development order.

Ms. Henninger updated the council on the EAR scoping meeting held on April 17. Requested approval to hire West Florida Regional Planning Council to complete the EAR based amendment. Councilman Helton motioned to authorize West Florida Regional Planning Council to complete the Evaluation and Appraisal Report at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Council agreed to reserve a table for the Walton County Chamber of Commerce Annual meeting.

Ms. Henninger requested council to consider land uses they would consider as applicable in commercial areas near water, such as RV parks.

Attorney Adkinson presented the following legal issues:

Presented an ordinance to amend ordinance #99-4, which would increase the homestead exemption for eligible senior citizens from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Councilman King motioned to approve 1st reading of the proposed ordinance and to advertise for adoption at the council meeting at May 24, 2007, Councilwoman Arrant

seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Mr. Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

Presented an ordinance establishing the regulation of parking for disabled persons and establishing penalties for violations. Councilman Helton motioned to approve 1st reading of the proposed ordinance and to advertise for adoption, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Mr. Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

Presented an ordinance establishing no parking areas to include but not be limited to road right of ways and sidewalks, and establishing a penalty for violation. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve 1st reading of the proposed ordinance and to advertise for adoption, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Mr. Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

Presented a resolution restricting the use of palm trees within city limits. Councilman King motioned to approve the adoption of the proposed resolution, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Resolution #07-04 was adopted.

Mr. Charles Peters presented the following engineering items:

- Bay Area sewer temporary permit was received
- Directional bore across the creek should be completed 30-60 days
- WWTP reuse – funding received from two grants, preliminary design complete, should be ready to bid in September
- Looking for a pump station site for Highway 331 North force main

Old Business:

Mayor Marse received quotes for the demolition and removal of the old Blount house.

- South Land Services, LLC \$2,600.00
- Ray Edge \$3,150.00
- Leddon's Landclearing \$3,600.00

He requested approval to accept the low bid and have the house demolished. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to accept the low bid of South Land Services, LLC for \$2,600.00 to demolish and remove the old Blount house, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Councilman King motioned to approve placing construction of the activity center building (old Blount house) up for bids, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0. Mr. Charles Peters is to send a letter to local contractors to invite to bid.

Mr. Jamie Eubanks, representing the Hidden Pines development, presented an email from DOT stating that an accel lane was not necessary for the mentioned project. The project had been approved subject to the construction of an accel/decel lane. Attorney Adkinson is to review DOT comments, but stated that the email does not say the development could not build the lane, just that it wasn't necessary. The City would need something from DOT denying permission to build before the council would need to re-address the issue.

New Business:

Ms. Jan Hannon with the Walton County Art League requested a waiver of fees for the use of the community center. The workshops are open to the public, but fees are charged to pay for instructors and supplies. The council took no action.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Buell Cobb, representing Owl’s Head, reminded the council and audience of the open house being held at Owl’s Head on May 19 from 12 pm to 3 pm.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council